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SUBJECT: GOJ POSITION CONCERNING PERMANENT SEAT ON SECURITY
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REF: A) TOKYO 13012, B) PARIS 26164

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN EMBASSY TOKYO'S OBSERVATION
(REF A) THAT IF JAPAN IS PERMITTED TO CONVINCE FRANCE
AND OTHER UNSC PERMANENT MEMBERS THAT USG IS DRIVING FORCE
BEHIND JAPAN'S CANDIDACY, OUR ROLE WOULD BECOME SIGNIFI-
CANTLY DIFFERENT.

2. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY TOKYO IS INSTRUCTED TO APPROACH
FONOFF AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL AND CITE KATO'S
UNDERSTANDING (REF B) THAT JAPANESE HAD INFORMED FRENCH
THAT IT WAS NOT JAPAN WHICH WAS BEHIND PROPOSAL FOR UNSC
PERMANENT MEMBERSHIP BUT NOTED THAT OTHER COUNTRIES HAD
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MADE THE PROPOSAL, AS IN SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SPEECH.

EMBASSY SHOULD STATE THAT DEPARTMENT'S RECORDS OF CONVERSATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT OVER MANY YEARS (IN SOME OF WHICH KATO WAS A PARTICIPANT IN HIS PREVIOUS FONOFF POSITIONS) SHOW THAT GOJ REPEATEDLY SOLICITED USG SUPPORT FOR UNSC PERMANENT MEMBERSHIP AT HIGH LEVELS. EMBASSY SHOULD EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR FONOFF TO RECALL THESE CONVERSATIONS TO KATO WITH THE REQUEST THAT HE CORRECT THE RECORD WITH THE FRENCH.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE THAT KATO HAS BEEN A VALUED COLLEAGUE OF HIS US COUNTERPARTS IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD AND THAT WE HAVE NO DESIRE TO EMBARRASS HIM PERSONALLY. HOWEVER, THE ORIGINS OF JAPAN'S UNSC PERMANENT MEMBERSHIP ASPIRATIONS AND US SUPPORT FOR THEM ARE MATTERS TOO IMPORTANT TO BE OBSCURED BY MISUNDERSTANDING.

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